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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicant calls attention to the art references within the knowledge of applicant and its attorney which are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. No representation is intended that a complete search has been made or that no better art references are available. The filing of this statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to the patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(b).

REMARKS

None of the art cited on the attached PTO Form 1449 is believed to disclose or suggest the invention recited in the claims of the above-identified application. It is therefore believed that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over these references.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies are not provided of references previously submitted to, or cited by, the Office in U.S. Application Serial No. Serial No. 09/853,221, filed May 11, 2001 or U.S. Application Serial No. Serial No. 10/336,576, filed January 3, 2003, which are relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i), the following concise explanations of the relevance of the listed non-English language references are provided if no English language abstract was attached to the previously submitted patents. Any previously submitted English language abstract is considered to be a concise explanation of the relevance of the respective non-English language patent.

DE 1 041 210 discloses a bed driver.

DE 29518502U discloses a motor driven chassis which may form the base of a hospital bed. The chassis is self-guided.

JP 46-31490 discloses a carriage for a patient.

JP 51-20491 discloses a carriage for the disabled.

JP 53-9091 discloses a motor-driven carriage.

JP 59-37946 discloses a patient carriage.

JP 59-183756 discloses a human moving apparatus.

JP 59-186554 discloses a movement assisting apparatus.

JP 60-12058 discloses a patient carrying apparatus.

JP 60-12059 discloses a patient carrying apparatus.

JP 60-21751 discloses a carrying apparatus for the physically disabled.

JP 60-31749 discloses a carrying apparatus for the physically disabled.

JP 60-31750 discloses a patient carrying apparatus.

JP 60-31751 discloses a carrying apparatus for the physically disabled.

JP 60-122561 discloses a carriage.

JP 60-188152 discloses moving means for a patient carrying apparatus.

JP 60-188153 discloses supporting and moving means for a patient carrying apparatus.

JP 7-136215 discloses a carriage for a patient or bedridden person.

JP 47-814 discloses a motor-driven patient carriage.

JP 47-17495 discloses a motor-driven stretcher.

JP 48-44792 discloses a motor-driven stretcher apparatus.

JP 48-44793 discloses a motor-driven stretcher apparatus.

JP 48-54494 discloses a motor-driven stretcher apparatus.

JP 49-29855 discloses a safety stop apparatus for a motor-driven patient carriage in a hospital.

JP 53-96397 discloses a storage bed and movable bed system.

JP 56-68523 discloses a driving apparatus for a patient carrying machine.

JP 56-68524 discloses a driving apparatus for a patient carrying machine.

JP 56-73822 discloses an operation apparatus for engagement projection of an endless belt for transshipment of a patient in a patient carrying machine.

JP 57-157325 discloses a patient carriage.

JP 48-54495 discloses a motor-driven stretcher apparatus.

JP 57-187521 discloses a carriage with a lateral translation mechanism.

JP 61-188727 discloses a movable bed.

JP 62-60433 discloses a self-moving cart.

JP 64-17231 discloses an automatic stretcher.

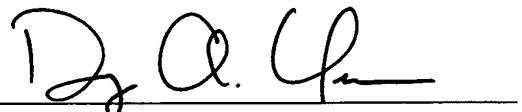
JP 4-108525 discloses a movable bed transportation apparatus.

JP 6-50631 discloses a self-moving medical care bed, having a traction device.

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	AO	EP 420263	04/1991	Europe				
	AP	EP 630637	12/1994	Europe			Y (Abstract only)	
	AQ	EP 776637	06/1997	Europe				

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	AS		Motorvator 3 Product Features Webpage, 5/10/00
	AT		Stryker Corporation, Zoom™ Drive brochure, 3/00

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	BD	3,380,546	04/1968	Rabjohn			
	BE	3,393,004	07/1968	Williams			
	BF	3,452,371	07/1969	Hirsch			
	BG	3,544,127	12/1970	Dobson			
	BH	3,618,966	11/1971	Vendervest			
	BI	3,680,880	08/1972	Blaauw			
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	CE	4,164,355	08/1979	Eaton			
	CF	4,167,221	09/1979	Edmonson			
	CG	4,175,632	11/1979	Lassanlke			
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	CN	415450	08/1934	Great Britain				
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	CP	1 601 930	11/1981	Great Britain				
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	DM	51-20491	02/1976	Japan				N
	DN	53-9091	07/1976	Japan				N
	DO	59-37946	03/1984	Japan				N
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	HH	5,439,069	08/1995	Beeler			
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